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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1916.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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About Town Notes

A regular meeting of Town Council was held on Friday evening. In addition to the transaction of the usual routine business, Mr. John H. Freed was elected a member of Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. John H. Bartman.

Hughes and Hinterleiter have completed the brick work of A. E. Bortz's house, for Contractor J. L. Buckwalter.

Mrs. Mary Smith, of Pottstown, is the guest of Mrs. Ella H. Hobson.

Mr. William Shuler, of Dayton, Ohio, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kimby.

Mr. George Kimby is spending this week in Newark, N. J.

Miss Pearl Conway has been camping at Fricks Locks, near Pottstown, during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw, of Conshohocken, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallman visited Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermacher over Sunday.

Contractor J. L. Buckwalter is erecting the frame work of the large warehouse for the Freed Heater Company, near the railroad station.

Dr. and Mrs. Corson entertained Miss Pilse, of Camden, over the week end.

Mr. Milton Wagner and family, of Roxborough, visited Mr. Henry Grubb during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rankin and family, of Philadelphia, have come to town for the summer.

Mr. John Kratz and Miss Mary Kratz, of Lower Providence and Mrs. Kate Springer, of Skipack, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Lizzie Kratz.

Mr. Joseph Muche visited friends in Norristown last week.

Mr. Wm. McAllister is spending the week with relatives in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Scheuren are spending the week at their bungalow along the Perkiomen.

Mrs. Ralph Miller and Mr. Robert Miller are spending a few weeks at Mt. Pocono, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cramer have returned from a sojourn at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Frank Gristock, and Misses Helen Tibbals and Charlotte Gill are spending a few days at the seashore.

Miss Margaret McAllister spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia, visiting Miss Ethel Betty.

Miss Grace Saylor was home over the week end.

Miss Margaret Conway is spending the week visiting relatives in Conshohocken.

Miss Deborah Koons is spending the summer in Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Title of Philadelphia spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Christian Bauer.

Mr. Mayne Longstreth of Philadelphia visited his mother, Mrs. Sarah Longstreth, several days last week.

Miss Bessie Ashenfelter spent the past week in Wilmington, Del.

John Gottshall visited friends in Ironbridge on Sunday.

Mr. Ralph Walt spent a few days last week at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hendrickson, of Norristown, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartman on Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Hallman, of Norristown, entertained the sewing club at the home of Mrs. Thomas Hallman on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cole were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grimley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanderslice, of Royersford, visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nock spent the week end as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Dedaker.

Mr. D. H. Bartman had several dollars worth of can goods stolen Thursday night.

Mrs. John Rawn and children are home after spending the week end in Norristown.

Miss Dorothy Gristock is spending several weeks in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ebert and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hendricks are spending the week with relatives in Frederick, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bechtel entertained relatives on Sunday.

Miss Catherine Robinson was in the city over the week end.

Miss Margaret Dieterich, of Pittsburg, is spending some time with Miss Louisa Hill.

Dr. F. M. Dedaker, Thomas Hallman and F. L. Evans were on a fishing trip to Anglesa on Friday.

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY.

The interdenominational Summer Assembly at Ursinus College, July 31 to August 6, will present a strong program, including some of the leading divines of the country. Among the speakers will be Rev. John Ellery Tuttle, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, York, Pa., Rev. H. E. Crowell, D. D., Spokane, Washington, who will have charge of Bible instruction during the week, Rev. J. M. G. Darns, D. D., pastor of the Salem Reformed Church, Allentown, Rev. John H. Royer, D. D., and Mr. Chas. Gallandet Trumbull, editor of the Sunday School Times and other strong men whose names will be mentioned later.

Board may be obtained at Collegeville at from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per week and from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. For further information those interested may address Rev. C. D. Yost, Collegeville, Pa.

Grand Sociable.

A grand sociable will be held in the Field Cage at Ursinus College on Thursday evening, July 20, and the event promises to attract a large gathering. There will be numerous games and other attractive features to engage the attention of all who will favor the interesting social event with their presence and encouragement. Tickets, (including refreshments) 50 cents each. The proceeds will be donated to the fund for the purchase of chairs for the college auditorium. Remember the sociable on Thursday evening, July 20. Many of your neighbors and friends will be there.

A Young Armenian Will Speak in Brethren's Church.

A young Armenian, born and reared in Turkey, the heart of the Mohammedan quarter of the globe, will speak in the River Brethren's church, near Graterford on Sunday evening, July 16, at 7.30. He will talk on Mohammedanism and Christianity; he will tell of the martyrdom of his own brother, the terrible outrages upon his relatives, and the awful persecution of the Armenians in general. He will also sing songs of deliverance in his native language. Go and hear him.

Coming Turf Event at Limerick Centre.

The second series of races over the half-mile track at Limerick Centre will be held on Saturday next, July 15, races called at 1.30, sharp. There will be four classes: 2.50 pace, 2.40 trot, 2.35 mixed, and a free-for-all. Prizes will be awarded to the first three horses. Lovers of the turf should not miss the coming event at Limerick Centre.

Annual Reunion of Undercoffer Family.

The annual reunion of the Undercoffer family will be held on August 5 at James Undercoffer's residence at Cross Keys, Ridge pike, Lower Providence. There will be speaking, singing, recitations and other entertainments during the day. Of course there will be refreshments and tables will be erected to accommodate all.

A Whack at Railroad Men.

From the Norristown Herald, Tuesday: The Perkiomen morning train was nearly an hour late at Norristown and Philadelphia to-day. About one hundred and twenty passengers—most of them commuters with business hours to keep—were seriously inconvenienced and in some cases put to material loss. A bonehead freight car occupied the main track at Dillinger, took its time in making up a train and getting away, and the railroad management did not have wit enough to railroad the obstruction out of the way.

Killed in Auto Upset.

George Gardner, 45 years old, of Allentown, was instantly killed when his automobile upset on Kennamer's Hill, near Pennsburg, Sunday. Mrs. Oscar Savartz suffered concussion of the brain. Mrs. Lillian Whitcomb was cut. Both women are in a serious condition. A son of Mrs. Savartz escaped unhurt. Mrs. Whitcomb was operating the car, and in descending the steep hill lost control of the machine, which swerved into the gutter and struck a guy wire and upset.

138th Survivors' Reunion.

The 37th annual reunion of the survivors of the 138th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, will be held at the residence of Anna Ross Post, Philadelphia, September 23. Quite a number of the survivors of this famous regiment reside in Montgomery county and are making arrangements to attend the exercises.

Road Building Contract.

The County Commissioners have awarded to William Evans, of Ambler, the contract for building six miles of water-bound macadam road on what is known as the Sumneytown and Gearyville turnpike, recently freed from toll.

Clear Skin Comes From Within.

It is foolish to think you can gain a good clear complexion by the use of face powder. Get at the root of the trouble and thoroughly cleanse the system with a treatment of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Gentle and mild in action, do not grip, yet they relieve the liver by their action on the bowels. Good for young, middle aged, and old. Go after a clear complexion to-day. 28c. at your druggist.

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BODY OF DROWNED MAN FOUND IN PERKIOMEN.

Shortly after seven o'clock Monday morning, when John Long, of Ironbridge, went to look after his boat, he was horrified at seeing floating in the Perkiomen, just above Oberlin's mill, the body of a man. He summoned assistance and the corpse was towed to the shore and Coroner McGlathery notified. The body was left lying in the water until the arrival of Undertaker Shalkop, of Trappe, who removed it to his morgue. The body is that of a man unknown to anybody in this section of the county. He was probably a farm hand. That he was a laborer was indicated by his clothing. He wore blue overalls and light shirt, with necktie, as if he might have come into the village for a Saturday night visit. He is believed to have been in the water for some time by reason of the fact that he was floating. But his features are not marred so that he could not be identified. He was of medium height; with red hair, and a mustache of the same color. One of his eyes was blackened.

Coroner McGlathery, after making an investigation, requested Undertaker Shalkop to inter the body in the burying ground at the County Home, which request was complied with Tuesday afternoon.

COUNTY HOME AFFAIRS.

Steward John H. Bartman's report for June shows receipts amounting to the unusually large sum of \$920.33, the most important of the several items being \$272.79 for hay and \$298.58 for potatoes sold from the farm. Another of the larger of the items of receipts was that of \$154.10 for board and maintenance of persons being taken care of in the County Home, these being collected from estates or relatives by the board's solicitor and secretary, Attorney H. Wilson Stahlnecker. The actual expenses of the steward's office for June was \$42.63, the chief portion thereof being for freight on supplies received, this including only such articles that cannot be produced on the farm.

The dairy farm during June produced 995 quarts of milk, the largest quantity in the history of the farm. Butter to the amount of 760 pounds were made, most of which was sold. There were 156 dozen eggs gathered from the poultry farm, which is also showing good management.

A Pathetic Incident.

There was a pathetic incident in court at Norristown Saturday when Judge Miller granted an order committing to the Eastern Pennsylvania Institution at Spring City, Alexander, the six-year-old son of Anton Kelson, of Pottstown. The child, who, although six years of age, has the mental and bodily development of an infant of six months of age, has been sent temporarily to the County Home to relieve the mother from worry, caused by the constant fretting of the boy. Miss Hay, of the Associated Charities, of Pottstown, and Dr. John A. Galbreath, also of Pottstown, testified. The boy is the eldest of three children of the couple. The boy is a mere babe in arms in point of development. He is unable to walk or talk and has to be carried about. The child keeps constantly fretting and causes great mental distress to the mother. The father agrees to pay \$1 weekly towards the maintenance of the child at the institution.

Extensive Poultry Quarters on State Hospital Farm.

Work has been begun on the grounds of the Norristown State Hospital for the development of what will prove to be the largest and best equipped poultry outfit in the State. When in full operation it will include a stock of from 9,000 to 10,000, the far greater number to be chickens, although there will be many turkeys, ducks and other fowls. Selected stock only will be the order after the new poultry farm is in full operation, both for the purpose of securing an excellent supply of eggs and also for poultry food on the tables. In connection with the new poultry yard, there is being erected a new incubator and a new brooder building, which will be equipped with all appliances needed for the rapid raising of new stock. The improvements, which will include a running yard of some extent, will involve an expenditure of about \$3,000.

Jury of View Asked For.

The Valley Forge Park Commission has asked the Court for a Jury of View to assess the value of 1000 square feet of land, situated at the rear of Washington's Headquarters, and owned by Mary Rowan. The land contains a spring which the Commission wished to add to the headquarters' premises.

Well Children Are Active.

If your child is dull, pale, fretful and fails to be around, the chances are it is suffering from worms. Kickapoo Worm Killer, a pleasant candy confection, liked by all children, is what your child needs. You only give one-half to one lozenge at a time and you get immediate results. Every mother should have a box on hand. 25c. at all druggists.

CONTROLLER HEEBNER RECEIVED OVER \$5,000 OF DRAKE'S MONEY.

On Saturday, July 8, Controller Wm. D. Heebner, received from the Montgomery Trust Company, surety for former Prothonotary Drake, a check for \$5752.08 to cover the amount of sundry defaults reported to the court by Controller Heebner. The check was promptly indorsed in favor of George H. Anders, County Treasurer and turned over to him for deposit in the county treasury. The sum mentioned represents the amount which the auditors set forth in their report following the auditing of the books of ex-Prothonotary Drake from January, 1914, to January, 1916, or a period of two years. The first term of four years served by Drake as an official will now be audited, the County Commissioners deeming that they should so direct and have performed. The surety, the Montgomery Trust Company, it is stated, has ample protection, being in possession of property and cash to the equivalent of its bond, \$20,000.

It is understood that Drake's counsel, J. P. Hale Jenkins, following the payment of the alleged defaults to the County Controller by the surety, informed the Court of the action. The Court has as yet taken no action in the case.

It has developed that former Sheriff Chauncey C. Buckley was also the victim of the ex-Prothonotary's defaulting methods "unconsciously or otherwise" while in office. The sum of the alleged fraudulent appropriations from Mr. Buckley's fees, which were first handled by Drake, is \$575.10. Demand being made upon Drake he at once made restitution in favor of Mr. Buckley, after proof was shown him of the alleged defalcation.

County Republican Club Organized.

The Republican Club of Montgomery County became a permanent organization Friday evening, when representatives of the various districts in the county met at Republican headquarters, Norristown, elected permanent officers of the Club and enrolled members. The officers elected are: J. Burnette Holland, Esq., of Conshohocken, president; Harry Alker, Norristown, secretary; Jacob Hamilton, Conshohocken, treasurer; Ist vice president, George Wanger, Esq., Norristown; 2nd vice president, Isaac W. Pennypacker, Esq., Ardmore; 3rd vice president, J. B. Swartley, Esq., North Wales; 4th vice president, L. Fisher, Norristown; 5th vice president, Robert J. Crawford, Conshohocken. The object of the Club is to carry on an active campaign in the interests of the entire Republican ticket and it is desired that Republicans from all sections of the county join the club.

Birthday Party at Mingo.

A pleasant birthday surprise was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Missimer of Mingo, on Saturday evening, in honor of Mrs. Missimer's sister, Miss Margaret Yeagle. The young folks met at the home of Miss Edna Rahn, Limerick Square, and were conveyed on a straw flat, in charge of Mahlon Mogel. An excellent time was spent playing games, music and doing justice to the refreshments. Those present were: Misses Florence Linderman, Marion Tyson, Edwardine Tyson, Ida Nell, Edna Rahn, Martha Jones, Catharine Lewis, Margaret Yeagle, Messrs. Mahlon Mogel, William Mogel, Earl Wanner, Harry Renninger, Paul Knipe, Harold Poley, Isaac Schlechter, Sterling Schlechter, Joseph Dolan, Carl Yeagle, Edgar Yeagle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yeagle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Missimer.

Press League Outing.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery Counties, held at the Tremont House, Lansdale, on Saturday, it was decided to hold the semi-annual dinner at the Hotel Rennett, Baltimore, and the summer outing at Tolchester Beach, Maryland, on July 21. The U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis will also be visited. A sub-committee consisting of Clifton S. Hunsicker, of the Norristown Times, and William G. Hower, of the Bryn Mawr News, was appointed by President Goettler to make arrangements for the affair, which will take place early in August.

Aliens Slew M. Patrick Bergen.

A coroner's jury at Norristown, Monday evening, found that M. Patrick Bergen, a labor boss at the Carson College for Girls, Erdensheim, was murdered July 3 by one of the five aliens who entered into a conspiracy to kill him after he had an altercation with Rocco, a teamster. The jury named Fred Mannis, Frank Pingitore and Rocco and did not know the names of the other two. Mannis and Pingitore, who had been arrested as witnesses, were immediately arrested, charged with murder. Rocco and the other two, one a Chestnut Hill barber, escaped right after the murder.

Does Sloan's Liniment Help Rheumatism?

Ask the man who uses it, he knows. "To think I suffered all these years when one 25c. bottle of Sloan's Liniment cured me," writes one grateful user. If you have Rheumatism or suffer from Neuralgia, Backache, Soreness and Stiffness, don't put off getting a bottle of Sloan's. It will give you such welcome relief. It warms and soothes the sore, stiff painful places and you feel so much better. Buy it at any Drug Store, only 25c. cents.

A NORRISTOWN TRAGEDY.

Thursday morning of last week John G. Williams, aged 53, of Norristown, shot and killed his niece, Miss Martha Reynolds, aged 27 years, and then committed suicide by firing a bullet into his head. Williams was arranging to leave town and Miss Reynolds (who was employed at the Diamond State Fibre plant) before going to work went to her uncle's room to bid him good-bye. The shooting occurred in a bedroom on the second floor of the Reynolds residence at 206 East Elm street, Norristown. Williams also shot at his sister, Mrs. Jennie Reynolds, mother of the dead girl. The bullet missed its mark. The police when they arrived found Miss Reynolds dead, bullets having pierced her head and breast. Williams had died instantly from a bullet in his brain. The double tragedy was evidently due to jealousy. The police authorities were astounded when they examined the body of Williams to find pinned on his undershirt a note which declared that he was the husband of his victim, the pair having been married according to the note, in 1915, at Atlantic City. Even the girl's mother did not know this fact. The note further stated that when the writer recently returned from a cruise to Brazil, he having been engaged as a shipper of supplies, he found that his niece and wife was receiving attentions from another man. He therefore determined to kill her. The tragedy occurred about 6.30 o'clock. Mrs. Reynolds heard the noise of two shots from a revolver and hurriedly went to the bedroom, where the awful tragedy was being enacted. She also heard her daughter scream. When she entered the room, Williams fired at her and the bullet missed her by only a few inches, entering the woodwork of the door. Williams was provided with two revolvers, one of .38 calibre and the other of .32 calibre. He fired five shots—two at the girl, one shot that entered the wall, one aimed at his sister, and one which crashed through his own brain, causing instant death.

The story of John G. Williams, who murdered his niece-wife and then committed suicide at Norristown, is a checkered one. The real name of the murderer and suicide is John G. West, and his death certificate was made out in that name on Friday. His niece-wife is dead, and wife No. 2, from whom it is claimed he was never divorced, is living in Philadelphia and is on her way to claim the body and the estate of the man whose name she bears. The body of West or Williams was placed in the morgue, and is having been taken away from the Reynolds residence by order of his sister. They are yet unclaimed and no arrangements have been made for the funeral. The funeral of his victim was held on Sunday afternoon. It is stated that West, after leaving his second wife, was involved in a capital crime, in which a man was killed and he was sent to a Texas penal institution, from which it is stated he escaped. It seems that West then changed his name to John G. Williams. The girl who is right name is John G. West is confirmed by the wife of a landlord of the Hotel Bridgeport, who knew the family well.

The body of John G. West, otherwise known as John G. Williams, was interred in Tremont cemetery Monday afternoon. There were no funeral services and only a few relatives witnessed the interment.

Dr. Mewhinney Gave Himself Up to Authorities.

Dr. J. C. Mewhinney, the Spring City physician, who mysteriously disappeared during his trial on a charge of statutory rape last April walked into the county jail at West Chester and gave himself up to the authorities, Thursday night. The only information that could be secured as to the prisoner's whereabouts during the time he has been missing was his own admission that he had been traveling about the country.

Great Collection of Paper Money.

"Peanut Jake" Fretz, of Lansdale, has one of the most valuable collections of paper money in this country. This money is of all denominations and is issued in all parts of the world. The great book in which it is pasted is full 10 inches thick, while the pages are broad and long. The notes have a face value of more than \$350, and it is understood that Mr. Fretz values his collection at considerably more than that sum.

P. O. S. OF A. TO HOLD JUBILEE.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—Arrangements have been completed for the coming golden jubilee convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, which is to be held here the week of August 22. More than 1800 delegates and 50,000 visitors are expected. The amusement feature will be one of the leading ones. Steamers and special trains have been secured for the guests, and an arrangement is being perfected for a gala day at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. More than 3000 are booked for the big parade, August 24.

Many camps and commanderies from Chester, Wilmington, Doylestown, other points in this State, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland are expected to send big delegations. The headquarters of the convention will be at the Hotel Walton.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

Infantile paralysis is a disease that affects the nervous system. It often causes death, and again, the acute stage frequently subsides and leaves paralysis of one or more of limbs that has often lasted through life. To-day we do not know what causes the disease, therefore preventive measures must be broad. You must keep the children away from insect life, such as flies, mosquitoes, fleas, bed bugs, ticks, ants, lice, etc. You should see that all rats and mice around the building are killed. Pet cats and dogs should be washed with a two per cent carbolic acid solution to destroy insect life. Everything should be kept clean about the house, including the children's bodies and clothing. Children should be fed well but not indulged in large quantities of water, ice cream or other frozen dishes on a full stomach, as that will often cause acute indigestion and render them susceptible to other diseases. In other words, the digestion should be guarded carefully. Children should have plenty of sleep. They should not associate with other children that are sick. Their homes should be well ventilated but screened from flies, etc., and any flies that happen to enter the building should be killed. All foodstuffs should be protected from flies, dust, etc. Fruit and vegetables eaten raw should be thoroughly washed in clean water. Children's mouths should be rinsed out and their throats gargled with Dobell's solution after each meal. If the children are too young to rinse or gargle, wash the mouth with a piece of fabric, muslin or linen, that has been dipped in Dobell's solution.

Children should be kept out of crowded places and be denied the frequent access to crowded halls of entertainment during our present threat with epidemic.

The youngsters should not be permitted to sit on the damp ground nor have their bodies thoroughly chilled, day or night. They should not bathe in cold water until their circulation is interfered with and they become chilly and blue.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

CHICKEN THIEF'S HIDE RIDDLED WITH SHOT.

With more than 100 pellets of bird shot in his body, Robert Jackson, a negro, stood in front of a man armed with a double-barreled shotgun for 20 minutes Monday morning, awaiting the arrival of policemen from Abington station. Jackson had been caught robbing chicken lofts on the farm of Samuel Nice, near Willow Grove, and one of the employees, James by name, had "potted" the chicken thief as he ran across a field. The employee had heard the racket in the chicken house, and as Jackson ran from the building he emptied both barrels of the shotgun at the fleeing form. His aim was good, and Jackson, peppered from knees to shoulders, stopped running immediately. Shoving two more loaded shells into the gun, the employee covered Jackson and held him prisoner while a 'phone call was sent to Night Sergeant Ferguson, who rushed Officers McKee and Streeter to Willow Grove in a motor car for the prisoner.

Jackson was taken to the Abington Memorial Hospital, where the surgeons laid him, face down, on a cot, and with sharp little forceps, picked away at different parts of his anatomy until they got all the shot—or as many as they could locate—from various parts of his body. Then he was taken to a cell at the Abington station. Monday night he got a hearing—he stood up for trial, and was held under bail for trial. His only comment was: "Oh, Lawdy! If I some one had only told me that fellow had a gun I wouldn't have run a single step."

Work in Boyertown Mines Resumed.

After an idleness of 12 years, operations were resumed Monday morning at the Boyertown ore mines. The Boyertown Ore Company has leased the mines to the Eastern Steel Company, of Pottstown and Pottsville, and the deal was consummated in the offices of the latter concern at Pottstown Saturday afternoon, when nine of the Eastern Steel officials elected officers for the new concern. John Birkenhead, of Philadelphia, will have charge of the pumping of water from the shafts. The Warwick shaft, which is 715 feet deep, will be the first to be put into shape.

Court Adjourns for Summer.

At the conclusion of a session of court at Norristown, Saturday morning, with Judge Miller presiding, he announced adjournment until Tuesday, September 5, at 10 a. m.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

It was at the information bureau—that the place set apart for inquiries about wounded men in the various hospitals. In flattered a particularly pretty girl and addressed the rather severe-looking lady in charge. "I wish," she said, "to see Lieutenant Ernest Wagner. In what hospital is he?" "Lieutenant Wagner can receive visits only from his relatives." "I am his cousin." "And I am his mother,"—New York Post.

News From Trappe

Mr. D. L. Rambo and family, of Chester, South Carolina, are spending some time with Mrs. Jane G. Rambo.

In spite of the fact that rainy weather interrupted the festival of the Trappe Fire Company, it was a success.

Dr. W. Z. Anders and sister visited his parents at Worcester on Sunday.

The Willing Workers Society of the U. E. church will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church.

Mr. Byron S. Fogely and sister Alma are spending a few days with their grandparents at Fricks, Pa.

Mr. William Schatz, of Allentown, spent a few days with Mr. N. C. Schatz and family.

Mr. Herbert Z. Hoyer purchased a Metz automobile.

Krusen Heffelfinger, of Williamstown, is home for the summer.

Master Samuel Kramer, of Girard College, is spending the summer with his mother.

Remember the festival of the Luther League on Saturday evening July 22, 1916 and hear Prof. Stephens' Boys' Band.

Picnic committees appointed by Trinity Reformed Sunday School, Collegeville, and St. Luke's Reformed Sunday School, Trappe, met in joint session in St. Luke's Sunday school room on last Friday evening, and arranged to hold a union picnic at Ringing Rocks park on Wednesday, July 26.

There will be no services in St. Luke's Reformed church next Sunday evening.

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Many farmers attribute the extra fine crop of hay this season to the use of lime as a top dressing. In many sections of the State lime kilns which have lain idle for years have been put into operation.

The wet spring has been unusually hard on young turkeys and farmers have had a large proportion to die. The turkey is unusually hard to raise and of all the fowls raised will stand the least rain.

The Red Lion, York County Farmers Co-operative Association, an outgrowth of the Farmers' Institutes in York county, has recently declared a six per cent dividend. The Association has recently received about 75,000 pounds of blunder twine, ordered early last fall when a favorable price was obtained.

Some farmers claim that the wheat has been drowned in the blossoms by the frequent and heavy rains and that the heads are not filled as they should be.

The fire blight has been attacking apple and pear trees and doing great damage in several sections of the State.

Fulton county farmers report alfalfa almost ready for the second cutting.

Owing to the wet weather of June the bee-keepers report that the bees were compelled to consume all of the surplus honey accumulated during May, but that with favorable weather they are expected soon to regain the losses.

The June drop of apples in many parts of the State was excessive and there is a decrease in the percentage of a normal crop estimated a month ago.

Berks county farmers are complaining of the scarcity of farm help.

The cherry crop in many sections of the State was a poor one, being only about half of a normal yield and very soft and hard to market.

From many sections of the State reports have been received by the Department of Agriculture stating that the wheat has been damaged by rust.

Fewer calves are being raised in some

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THE DRAKE CASE.

On July 1, 1916, Controller William D. Heebner reported to the court of Montgomery county that sundry official defaults and delinquencies of former Prothonotary Sylvester B. Drake amounted to \$5,872.08. On July 8, 1916, the Trust Company, surety for Drake, issued a check for the amount aforementioned to Controller Heebner, who indorsed the check and handed it to County Treasurer Anders. It also appears that the former Prothonotary while in office appropriated to himself \$578.10 in fees belonging to former Sheriff Buckley.

It is announced semi-officially that the Commissioners will not initiate criminal proceedings against Drake. Controller Heebner takes the position that he discharged his full and final duty when he submitted his report to court on the first of July. At this writing the court has taken no action, and the District Attorney has taken no action in the Drake case.

Why not? Does not the report submitted to court by Controller Heebner conclusively show that Sylvester B. Drake, in the very Temple of Justice at Norristown, appropriated to his own use nearly six thousand dollars belonging to Montgomery county?

Sylvester B. Drake was a public official of Montgomery; chosen by a majority of electors who had reason to have confidence in his honesty and integrity, and it is in keeping with the rights of the public to ask for an explanation that will explain.

Why should there be apparent procrastination in taking definite legal action against a public offender?

There appears to be some question as to who's business it is to take the initiative in such action; all the while the public's confidence in the administration of justice in Montgomery county is in danger of impairment.

A petty thief, when detected, is hustled into the presence of a Magistrate and promptly committed to jail; sometimes upon doubtful proof. If Sylvester B. Drake, who received about \$6,000 a year as legal compensation for his services, is a thief to the extent of about \$6,000, his guilt is out of all proportion to the poor derelict who happens to steal trifles.

What is the legally constituted authority or duty of the District Attorney in the Drake case? Is he awaiting an order from the court?

In view of various circumstances involved in the case the public is warranted in conjecturing what the Montgomery Trust Company would be doing, what the court of Montgomery county would be doing, what the District Attorney would be doing, if Sylvester B. Drake's bank account and mortgages had not at least equaled in cash, or its equivalent, the sum of \$5,872.08.

Can the dispensers of Justice in the Temple of Justice at Norristown, in consonance with their justly unquestioned reputation for official integrity—and in justice to themselves—further delay the prosecution of Sylvester B. Drake?

If the ends of justice will be best served by further delay, let the substantial reason, or reasons, for such delay be made known to the public. If it is none of the people's business to know why, the public should be informed why it is none of the people's business to know why.

WHEN Scott Nearing quit the University of Pennsylvania because the Trustees of that institution manifested a desire that he should do so, there arose great indignation among the former graduates, the student body, and many friends of the University. It was vigorously contended that the Trustees were guilty of throttling free speech in a great centre of higher learning; that Professor Nearing was the victim of narrow-mindedness, of educational muckbackism, of ultra conservatism, of prejudice and bigotry. It was also intimated that big business interests had a hand in determining the attitude of the Trustees toward the impulsive and loquacious Professor. There was much discussion pro and con and the general public was at a loss to appreciate with any marked degree of accuracy who was most at fault—Professor Nearing or the Trustees. The passing of time is lending to light evidence in support of the much criticised action of the authorities of the University. Professor Nearing himself is furnishing the evidence. In his recent address before the National Educational Association he declared that our public schools are organized plutocracies. This is not true. With a balance wheel in his head he would never have been guilty of such utter recklessness of speech. The truth is our public schools are in reality the most Democratic bulwarks existing under our Democratic form of government, regardless of some parasitical influences which infect them. In our public schools the children of the rich and poor mingle together and are instructed side by side. The school taxes paid by the American people are the very best investments the people can make, because of the intellectual training of their children, because of the training of their children in democracy. Not content with his fling at the public schools, Mr. Nearing also made a drive at the newspapers, in part as follows:

"Some of you are interested in the newspapers. You know that during the last 18 months the newspapers of the United States, without exception, have been carrying on one of the most scandalous propaganda that has ever been carried on; they have been deliberately suppressing news regarding the German side. They have been suppressing arguments and facts and deliberately putting forth facts that would make for preparedness and make for war."

The truth is that Scott Nearing is not truthful. A very great majority of the newspapers of the United States are not guilty of the charge recklessly preferred by the Professor. The newspapers advocating preparedness are doing so for no other reason aside from that which is prompted by evidence that the present stage of world civilization offers no guarantee for security in the absence of force. Many of the newspapers go to extremes, but their actuating motives are both sincere and patriotic.

Scott Nearing appears to be talking himself into notoriety as a reckless and unreliable thinker, talker and writer. The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania appear to have rightly concluded that he was not a desirable person to instruct young men. The evidence is furnished by Professor Nearing himself.

DAVID B. OLIVER, of Pittsburgh, who says Governor Brumbaugh committed perjury by not accounting for his 1914 campaign contribution of \$1000, is to head the list of Hughes' electors in Pennsylvania. This is exasperating. Martin G. should file a protest.

DURING the past quarter seventeen cotton mills in New Bedford and Fall River, Massachusetts, have paid increased dividends. The mills are not engaged in producing munitions; not even making blankets and uniforms for soldiers. It would appear that there is yet hope for the sinners who revised tariff schedules.

From the New York World: A wonderful change has come over General Carranza of late. He not only warns the United States of impending raids by bandits, but he offers the fullest co-operation with General Pershing's forces, which only a little while ago he was unceremoniously ordering out of the country. An attitude of this kind six or eight weeks ago would have prevented a great deal of trouble.

BEST POULTRY BREED

For Eggs Alone, Leghorns Are Favored by Many Farmers.

White Wyandotte, White or Barred Plymouth Rocks or Rhode Island Reds Cannot Be Exceeded for Dual-Purpose Fowls.

(By B. LARA.) What is desired in the way of ultimate results must be considered when determining the breed of poultry one should raise. For eggs alone the Leghorns are by many regarded the best. It is not so good an all-purpose fowl, however, and for those breeding for meat as well as eggs, other strains are to be preferred.

For the farmer having not more than a hundred or two chickens, the White Wyandotte, White or Barred Plymouth Rocks, or Rhode Island Reds cannot be excelled.

The White Wyandottes are of medium size, hardy and good layers. They are easily cared for and bear confinement well, although any fowl must have plenty of exercise.

For table use they are excellent, their flesh being sweet, juicy and tender, making fine broilers and roasters. They are extremely popular because of the absence of dark pin feathers.

As layers they average well up, both for summer and winter production. If some pains be taken to provide them with comfortable quarters during inclement weather.

To do this a fairly comfortable poultry house is necessary. This means one which is dry all the time and so arranged as to admit plenty of fresh air and sunlight.

A house built with three sides light and left largely open on the south side accomplishes this. A curtain, to be drawn tight over the opening in rigorous weather, will add materially to the comfort of the poultry. This does not exclude the fresh air, but protects against the cold.

This building can be conveniently arranged without the cost becoming very great, and it should be borne in mind that convenience pays well.

Have all the interior fixtures of the poultry house—roosts, poles, nest boxes, dropping boards, etc., easily removable, so that every part within can be reached and cleaned.

Twice yearly the house should be thoroughly fumigated and then white-washed inside and out. For this purpose a whitewash containing a small per cent of carbolic acid should be used.

All fowls are annoyed and suffer from insect parasites. This means a loss to the raiser and effective means must be employed to combat these pests, as the birds cannot do this unassisted. Provisions for a dirt bath, any time, any day that the fowls desire, will help, but in addition to this the house and fixtures should be sprayed at frequent intervals with coal oil or a 2 per cent solution of crude carbolic acid. This spraying should be done early in the day so that the fumes will have nearly all evaporated before the fowls go to roost.

During the summer the wide range afforded by the farm solves the problem as to proper feeding. But in winter when the fowls do not have insect diet, meat food in some form is necessary.

Feeding and Watering Devices. Feeding and watering devices are necessary. Table scraps and ground bone supply this very well. Lime in the form of shells and old plaster, also is necessary and great care should be exercised that an abundance of fresh water is supplied.

At the present prices of eggs and poultry, chickens are too valuable to be neglected. It is safe to say that in return for their care and expense they are the greatest profit-earners on the farm.

BLUE GRASS FINE FOR SWINE

Value of Crop is Shown in Tests Made at Missouri Station—Amounted to \$26 Per Acre.

The value of blue grass for hogs is shown by tests made at the Missouri station. During a five-year period the average amount of pork produced from an acre of blue grass amounted to \$26 when the live-weight value of hogs was calculated at eight cents per pound.

SAVE ALL FERTILIZER

Concrete Pits Advocated for Storage of Manure.

Enormous Amount of Waste in Fertilizer Prevented—Clear Dimensions of Convenient Pit and Directions for Building.

The use of concrete on the farm is long past the experimental stage. It is a necessity. The first cost of concrete is higher than for structures built of wood, but concrete is much cheaper in the long run.

For maintaining or restoring the fertility of the fields, there is nothing better than barnyard manure. By the ordinary methods of pile manure on the ground or storing it in wooden pens or boxes, 50 to 60 per cent of its fertility is lost. This loss is brought about in two ways: First, by leaching or washing due to heavy rains; second, by fermentation or heating caused by lack of sufficient moisture. Since concrete pits are waterproof, manure may be kept in them as moist as may be necessary and such an enormous waste in the fertility of the manure may thus be entirely prevented. One

load of manure from a concrete pit is worth 1½ to 2 loads of manure as usually stored. Moreover, with concrete pits the supply of manure is increased by all the liquid manure, the richest water from the barn gutters and feeding floors.

Shallow manure pits do very well where the manure can be frequently hauled to the fields. The walls and floor should be five inches thick. The clear dimensions of a convenient pit are: Depth, 3 feet; width, 6 feet; length, 12 feet. Dig the trench 3 feet 5 inches by 6 feet 10 inches by 12 feet

ten inches. By keeping the sides vertical only an inside form will be needed. Have enough woven wire fencing 7½ feet long to cover the bottom of the pit. Lay the wire with an even division of the extra length, so that it may project upward into the side walls. The wire is laid after two inches thickness of concrete has been put in. The remaining three inches should be tamped in after the wire has been placed. Remove the forms after the concrete has set four days. The pit may be used after ten days.

Where manure is to be stored for a considerable length of time, larger pits or basins are required. Such pits are seldom made over five feet deep (in the clear at the deeper end) and are wide enough that the manure may be loaded on a spreader in the pit and drawn up a roughened concrete incline of run. The slope for such a run must not be steeper than one foot up to four feet out.

In laying out the large pit bear in mind that the concrete walls and floors should be eight inches thick and make due allowance for same when digging. With a spade trim the sides and the deep end vertical.

In order to form a sump hole from which the liquid manure can be pumped, in one corner at the deep end

the pit dig a hole 18 inches deep by 2½ feet in diameter.

Do not forget that dirt in the concrete may make a poor wall, so if the top of the earthen wall tends to crumble hold it back with one-inch boards braced against the forms. To keep out flies, the pit may be extended six inches above the ground by using the lower half of a one-foot board to hold back the dirt, by allowing the remainder to project above the ground level, and by adding six inches to the height of the inside form.

BEST KIND OF WIRE FENCING

Much Depends on Purpose for Which Fence is Intended—General-Purpose Fabric Favored.

The best kind of wire fencing to erect depends on the purpose for which the fence is used. On a farm where mixed types of live stock are kept a general-purpose woven-wire fabric is needed.

Horses are to be pastured, a coarser and less expensive woven fence can be used. When fencing is needed to enclose extensive pastures where only cattle or horses are to be kept the excessive cost of a woven-wire fence would not make its use desirable, for losses of stock by injury on barbed wire would not be large enough to counterbalance the difference in the cost of maintaining the two different kinds of fences.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Tankage makes pigs grow fast.

Drainage improves alkali soils.

Pure seed, like purebred stock, is one of the farmer's greatest assets.

Our fields will soon be overrun by an army of invaders—swat the weeds.

The ear test is the only reliable method for checking losses from bad seed.

Rich soil—rich farmer; and humor is the biggest word in his dictionary at that.

To the farm boy who wants to mix with big things: "Nothing is bigger than agriculture."

A hog-tight fence around your doorway is the first step toward beautifying the farm home.

Live stock and soil fertility go hand in hand. Rich soil and big crops make another loving couple.

Drainage, the application of straw and manure, and deep plowing will cure those alkali spots.

Hogs on pasture need grain. "Cheap feed and pork" is necessary, but quick growth is also important.

The biggest word in the live-stock business is cleanliness. Most animal diseases are filth diseases.

In the home garden plant the best varieties—not the best yielders. There's nothing too good for the farmer.

See that the entrance to the farm is neat and clean. Appearances may be improved by a group of shrubs at either side.

The problem of fertilizing tomatoes can best be solved by a study of the soil, the plants' needs, and fertilizer experiments.

Concrete foundations extending two and a half feet below the ground and two feet above, will make buildings rat proof.

Superior Chemical Linen. Using a chemical process a Moscow engineer claims to have produced a finer linen yarn than the finest spun, at low cost.

Need for Consideration. "What should one do?" asks the young doctor, "when a patient comes in and diagnoses his own case exactly?" "In such a situation," explains the experienced physician, "you must use your best judgment of human nature. If the patient is one kind of man he will appreciate your agreeing with his diagnosis as showing that he knows as much as you do; on the other hand he may go about and say that you don't know any more than he does."

Discouraging. A baby brother had just arrived and little Edna was greatly disappointed. That night she refused to say her prayers. When the nurse asked her why, Edna replied: "Oh, what's the use? I've been praying for a little sister for six months, and Bobbie, he only began asking for a little brother yesterday, and he got his right off."

Way to Get Harmony. We have lived quite a while, and first and last, have observed a good deal. The best way to achieve harmony is with an ax, or a club. A good stout club industriously applied will do more to convince the brother who has fallen out of step than all of the soft words in the language—Topeka Capital.

Architecture Improves With Age. The knowledge that age improves architecture as well as wine is not new, but the realization that the improvement is due to the texture of the surfaces and the softening of the right lines is recent and has not yet by any means become general.—Aymar Embury.

Borew Propeller Old Device. That a patent for a screw-propelled steam vessel had been issued as far back as 1803 recently was discovered in the French patent office.

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Notice to Taxpayers

COUNTY TAXES

In pursuance of an act of Assembly approved March 17, 1882, and supplementary Acts thereto, the Taxpayers of Montgomery County will meet at the County and State Taxes for the year 1916, assessed in the respective districts, viz:

Hathor Borough, at the public house of Cyrus C. Moore, Hathor, Monday, July 17 from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Moreland Township, Upper district, at the public house of Fred. Ehrenfort at Willow Grove, Monday, July 17th, from 10 a. m. to 12 m.

Skippack Township, at the public house of Charles Lowmes, Skippack, Tuesday, July 18th, from 9 to 11 a. m.

Towamencin Township, at the public house of Mrs. S. C. Beau, Kulpsville, Tuesday, July 18th, from 12.30 to 3.30 p. m.

Lower Salford Township, West district, at the public house of John H. Dodd, Ledersachville, Wednesday, July 19th, from 9 to 10.30 a. m.

Lower Salford Township, East district, at the public house of Charles Tyson, Hartsville, Wednesday, July 19th, from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Francis Township, East district, at the public house of Barney Rubin, Reliance, Thursday, July 20th, from 8 to 9.30 a. m.

Francis Township, West district, at the public house of Harry R. Keller, Francis Square, Thursday, July 20th, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Salford Township, at the public house of Daniel Kober, Tylersport, Friday, July 21st, from 9.30 to 11 a. m.

West Telford Borough, at the public house of John M. Kahn, Friday, July 21st, from 12.30 to 2.30 p. m.

Souderton Borough, at the public house of William H. Freed, Monday, July 24th, from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Landside Borough, East ward, at the public house of Julius H. Rauch, Tuesday, July 25th, from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Chester Kulp, Hatfield, Wednesday, July 26th, from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Landside Borough, South ward, at the public house of Chas. B. McManus, Wednesday, July 26th, from 10 p. m. to 12 a. m.

Landside Borough, West ward, at the public house of Susan Lowmes, Thursday, July 27th, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, West ward, at the public house of J. J. Schaeffer, Friday, July 28th, from 8.30 a. m. to 10.30 a. m.

Upper Pottstown Township, at the public house of Harrison Schaeffer, Half Way Hotel, Monday, July 31st, from 8 to 9 a. m.

West Pottstown Township, at the public house of Edward Shaffer, Brantock, Monday, July 31st, from 9.30 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Lower Pottstown Township, at the public house of Harry J. Wolf, Pleasant Run, Tuesday, August 1st, from 1.30 to 3 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, Second and Third wards, at the public house of William H. Smith, Tuesday, August 1st, 8.30 a. m. to 10 a. m.

Pottstown Borough, Sixth and Seventh wards, at the public house of Geo. P. Marx, Wednesday, August 2nd, from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, Fourth ward, at the public house of William H. Snyder, York street hotel, Thursday, August 3rd, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, Fourth ward, at the public house of Charles A. Pennypacker, Friday, August 4th, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, Eighth and Tenth wards, at the public house of Wallace Brendlinger, Monday, August 7th, from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Douglas Township, West district, at the public house of Edward Kulp, Tuesday, August 8th, from 9 to 11.30 a. m.

New Hanover Township, West district, at the public house of Harvey G. Shaffer, Stramp, Tuesday, August 8th, from 1 to 2.30 p. m.

Douglas Township, East district, at the public house of Richard Conner, Wednesday, August 9th, from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m.

New Hanover Township, East district, at the public house of A. H. H. Fox, Pleasant Run, Wednesday, August 9th, from 10.30 a. m. to 12 m.

Penndel Township, West district, at the public house of George F. Willauer, Green Tree Hotel, Wednesday, August 9th, from 1.30 to 3 p. m.

East Greenville Borough, at the public house of Samuel H. Koebe, East Greenville, Thursday, August 10th, from 9 a. m. to 11.30 a. m.

Upper Hanover Township, Second district, at the public house of Amanda B. Klein, Friday, August 11th, from 7.30 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Upper Hanover, Third district, at the public house of W. H. Freed, Palm, Friday, August 11th, from 9.30 a. m. to 11.30 a. m.

Red Hill Borough, at the public house of C. U. Berger, Friday, August 11th, from 12.30 to 2 p. m.

Penndel Borough and Upper Hanover, First district, at the public house of George W. Apple, Summerville, Tuesday, August 15th, from 9.30 to 11.30 a. m.

Upper Salford Township, at the public house of O. F. Hart, Woxall, Tuesday, August 15th, from 10.30 a. m. to 12.30 p. m.

Upper Providence, polling place, Mont. Clare, Wednesday, August 16th, from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Upper Providence, Oaks district, at the polling place, Oaks, Wednesday, August 16th, from 11 a. m. to 12 m.

Taxes will be received at the County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, from June 1 to September 15th, from 8.30 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1 to 3 p. m.

State Rate, 4 mills.
County Rate, 2 mills.

Correspondence to receive attention must be accompanied with postage for reply and in cases location of property and number of properties, whether in Township or Borough, must be definitely given.

Inquiries relative to taxes received after September 1st will not be answered. Statements will be issued from the office only. Unless objections are made to the assessment, when a statement is paid to the County Treasurer on or before September 15th, 1916, at 4 o'clock p. m., will be given into the hands of a collector, when a statement will be added for collection as per Act of Assembly.

All delinquent taxes must be paid to the collectors on or before December 31st, 1916.

GEO. H. ANDERS,
Treasurer of Montgomery County, Pa.
County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, May, 1916.

The Quick Asset

By
MAY DALLARMAND
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"Sorry, Mr. Walters, but my orders are definite—you must pay the bill within 48 hours or I shall have to close you up."

"You are subjecting me to a severe hardship, sir."

Mr. Thomas Biggs, senior partner of Biggs, Bluet & Co., opened eyes and palms expansively, shrugged his shoulders, arose from his seat and took up his hat.

"You are asking of me impossibilities," spoke Sidney Walters. "Every dollar I have in the world is invested in this business. Actual orders far overplus my liabilities. In another month we will have not only a free deck, but a surplus. I beg of you to alter your hard decision."

"Business is business," spoke the other blandly. "The house went all over your case before I left the city. You owe us \$2,000. It is 30 days past due. Our rules are inviolable. I came down here to look into affairs. I find that your quick assets are shy over 40 per cent, where in every healthy business they should stand in the proportion of two to one as to active debts. I find almost the reverse. What in the world ever made you bulk all your capital in fixed assets? It is ruinous. It means slow liquidation in case of a failure. Commercially your business proposition is not solvent. We shall have to have our money by Saturday morning or file a bill for an accounting."

"Which means ruin for me," said Walters drearily. "If you would give me time to go to the city and apply to some of the banks."

"Impossible. You would have to delay me here for several days, and my time is precious. Can you not get your friends here to assist you?"

"I am practically a stranger," replied Sidney in a low, strained tone, "and the community, as you know, is a poor one."

Sidney, indeed, spoke the truth. When he determined to start in business—the manufacturing of fine contact metal points for intricate vehicle equipment—he had discounted the elements of bulk as to shipments. An abandoned plant at Acton was offered

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Current Buses.

In Porto Rico, where the air is moist and balmy, air plants grow on the telephone and telegraph wires. The insulation rots in places and there the plants take root and thrive. These plants are called "current buses" or "electric light plants."

Had Sized It Up Right.

"Is your paper really seventy years old?" asked the sweet young thing. "Certainly," we retorted, defiantly. "Why?" "Then I was right. I told mother that some of your jokes are older than the paper,"—Buffalo Express.

Wise Rule to Follow.

A little less criticism of others and more thorough criticism of ourselves would have a tendency to make us lenient to and sympathetic with the faults and follies of others.—The Observer.

Cheering the Invalid.

Dollie had permission to visit a neighbor who was ill. After chatting for a long while she arose to leave, and, taking the hand of the invalid, remarked: "Good-by; I hope you won't die."

First Spring Spokes.

Wheels given resiliency by spring spokes were patented in England as early as 1825, in France in 1829 and in the United States in 1831.

Time's Changes.

A man used to be known by the company he kept, but now you spot him by the selections he turns loose on the phonograph.

Wanting Too Much.

When you get to feeling so very sorry for yourself you are very apt to find that no one else is very sorry for you.—Selected.

Well to Search.

Don't neglect your Bible; a New York man found a \$6 bill more than a hundred years old in his—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Unfortunately True.

It may be necessary to slight your golf or dancing once in a while in order to have any office hours left.

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Victory in Worthy Struggle.

I think that there is success in all honest endeavor, and that there is some victory gained in every gallant struggle that is made.—Dickens.

Philosophy Tenements.

Philadelphia authorities are enforcing the new law intended to eliminate tenement houses. The act provides that these places shall be clean and perfect in plumbing before a license is granted. Every apartment of two rooms or more, when occupied by one family, must have plumbing facilities.

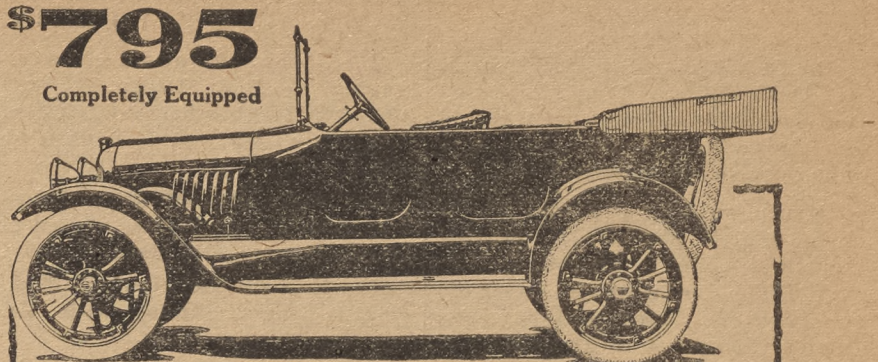
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Here is an example of the wisdom which is imparted to the pupils of New York's public schools by a woman teacher. In explaining how the Kill von Kull was named, she told the class "that a man went out gunning for sea gulls. He killed one on the stream that borders Staten Island and thereafter the stream was known as Kill von Kull." This is not a fanciful tale, but an absolutely truthful recital of the kind of "education" imparted to the "fads and fancies schools" here.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Reciprocity.

Sammy's precursors were moving to another town and the little lad had come to bid adieu to his beloved teacher. When she put her arms around him his sorrow at parting mounted to tears, and to her adoration to all eyes he said, "I have grown up to be a fine man; he blurted between sobs, "The same to you."

Granted Safe Conduct.

Tommy was playing wild Indian in the yard. The butcher boy came for the order, but stopped before opening the gate to admire the little fellow's fantastic get-up. Tommy called out condescendingly, and said, "You just come right in; don't be afraid; I won't hurt you."

Heifers Chase Rabbits.

If a new idea of a Summerytown farmer becomes a fad, the rabbit dog may be pushed into the background. He has trained some of his heifers to scent and chase rabbits with as much success as dogs, and, indeed, cheaper.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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